

Meeting Minutes
Weed Beach Building Committee
May 9, 2007, 7:30pm
Room 213, Town Hall

Present: J. Enters, J. Branigan, P. Hendrickson, S. Swiatek, P. Hovell, J. Howe, M. Wright, D. Parnon

Absent: M. Hawley

Alternate: Courtney Darby

Guest: Neil Hauck, Architect on Stearns & Wheler Team

Hovell began the meeting at 7:30pm sharp with a discussion on the letter of agreement and standard conditions from Stearns & Wheler (SW). Hauck attended the meeting to clarify some points in the program documents WBBC had given to SW. Hauck will work with the WBBC to design the three buildings to the committee's satisfaction, creating a package WBBC will be able to bring to other appropriate town committees and commissions.

Hauck's questions: Will the buildings be demolished? Will the guard house be moved? Will the existing guard house be saved or replaced? More specific details for the bath house available? Enters responded with an explanation that WBBC did not want to put any constraints on the architect by including specific details. The program provided general information and left room for code requirements and design creativity.

Hovell mentioned several projects for individuals or small sub committees to tackle simultaneously with the design development (ie permits, liquor license, eatery contract etc.). These projects would require some research and contact with town departments. Goal is to look ahead and be ready with approvals, permits, etc. when the buildings are completed.

Hauck went over the timeline he prepared. It is very close to Swiatek's. We provided Hauck with a copy of Swiatek's time line that includes beach activities and events to be considered when planning construction schedule.

Hovell emphasized the time it will take for this project to go through the approval process. The RTM will assign several committees to study the project. WBBC to keep P&Z, BOS and BOF informed throughout the process. Our next presentation to the RTM must be better prepared. In that light, Darby suggested we make a list of the "talking points" or questions that will arise. By going through this exercise we will be prepared with well conceived responses to some potentially tough questions.

Darby to develop a list of the questions/talking points.

Howe will compare and contrast conditions for the existing snack bar and an "enclosed eating area".

WBBC members will have a chance to add their thoughts, comments and ideas.

Wright to email Bruce Fletcher's questions, developed in response to a proposed skate park at Weed Beach, to Darby. Once this information is compiled WBBC will put relevant information on the web site.

WBBC approved the Mandatory Referral draft replacing the word "restaurant" with words that might better describe our vision. WBBC will present this Mandatory Referral to Parks & Rec. Commission at their May 16 meeting (7:30pm, Room 119). Swiatek to include various sections from Town Plan of Development to support this document.

WBBC presentation to Parks & Rec. will include: 1. process of engaging SW, 2. go over three buildings, 3. timeline, 4. ask for approval to move ahead with SW, 5. present Mandatory Referral. Parks & Rec. will vote on Mandatory Referral. If approved Parks & Rec. to submit to P&Z.

Hovell to reserve meeting dates (every other week) through December 2007.

Next meeting: Wednesday May 23, 2007 - 7:30pm, Town Hall, Room 119.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Parnon
Secretary